*From The Desk*

**November 2021 CUMC Crusader**

Christ United Methodist Church···Pastor Ryan Gephart

*of Pastor Ryan……*

***“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:4-7***

On Sunday, October 24th, Daun Klinger shared this scripture passage with the first service as she gave her testimony. It was a clarion call that spoke to my soul. In the midst of everything, Daun was testifying to a time when she and her husband, Monroe, needed to trust God and rely on Christ’s peace. She and Monroe were able to do that through prayer and supplication and they found their way through a difficult situation.

The *Wesleyan Study Bible* states in its commentary about these verses that “Joy stems from trusting, thankful prayer, a mind set on the virtues seen in Christ, and patient imitation of Christ’s pattern of life.” I do not have to tell you that we at times struggle to fit into those characteristics and patterns of life. “Pastor, how can I be joyful in the midst of any number of circumstances that plague out lives”. Yet, as I listened to Daun’s testimony and as I look at Paul’s words again; I hear the simple yet not simplistic call. “Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I will say, Rejoice.” Could it be that I need to wake up with prayer on my lips starting with thanksgiving that will lead to supplication? How would a sustained rejoicing in the Lord change our lives?

I do know this (and I challenge myself as well as others), that it is not by mistake that following Paul’s rejoice command is us being gentle with everyone. This is something to ponder. A life of rejoicing, prayer, supplication and thanksgiving changes us. I believe it changes us into new creations in Christ. So, while we will have days and even longer periods of time where sorrow or hurt may be in our lives; we must not forget that a gentle life is found in those periods of rejoicing, prayer and supplication. I encourage you, as best you can, depending on your circumstances, to give the joy Paul speaks about a try. You never know how your life in Christ might be changed.

In Christ’s Service ~ Pastor Ryan

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**November 7 ~**

Testimonies

**November 14 ~**

All Saints Sunday Communion (Isaiah 25:6-9 & Revelation 21:1-6a)

**November 21 ~**

Christ the King (Revelation 1:4b-8 & John 18:33-37)

**November 28 ~**

1st Sunday of Advent: “Making Room: Hope” (Jeremiah 33:14-16 &

Psalm 25:4-5)



SACC FOOD BASKETS

By Pam Wildt

The Selinsgrove Area Christian Council (SACC) will be distributing food baskets to needy families on Saturday morning, November 20th.  The deadline for me to turn in names of persons requesting a box is November 12th. This is for the Selinsgrove school district area only.

**General Conference and Annual Conference Information**

* Many questions surround when there will be an international gathering of the legislative body of the United Methodist Church called General Conference. (General Conference is described in this link: https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure/general-conference). General Conference is the only body that can speak for the entire United Methodist Church. Currently, the international legislative body is scheduled to meet Aug. 29-Sept. 6, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN. However, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues into its 4th wave and we deal with international travel restrictions, it is unknown at this time if this meeting can happen.
* One question that surrounds this meeting is if the United Methodist Church will split into two or more denominations. Another question is if our Annual Conferences (geographic organized areas of the United Methodist Church, of which Christ UMC belongs to the Susquehanna Annual Conference which covers central and northeastern Pennsylvania), will then choose which new entity to belong to if a split occurs. Another question is if individual churches will vote on which new denomination they will affiliate with if a split occurs. Before the pandemic a protocol for separation was worked out as a possible agreement for how a split would occur. That protocol for you to read can be found at the following website ~ www.gracethroughseparation.com.
* Currently, the answers to great questions asked by several parishioners on who would decide the future of Christ UMC are not known and will not be known till 2022. Please continue to keep the United Methodist Church & Christ UMC, Selinsgrove in your prayers as we await the work of the Holy Spirit in how we will be organized in the future.

*Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

***THANKSGIVING PRAYER***

Father, we come before You in deep gratitude for Your love, Your provisions, Your promises.

We humbly ask for Your abundant grace to cover our friends and family as we gather to thank You for Your blessings and goodness. AMEN

**2021 CUMC OFFICERS**

**Council Chair:** Jeanette Weaver

**Lay Leader:** Jennifer Rager Kay

**Lay Member:** Sara Dunkelberger

**Trustee Head:** Jason Fasold

**Trustee Member:** Tony Mowery

**Trustee Member:** Brett Fisher

**Finance Head:** Christopher Bailey

**Secretary to Council:**

Christopher Bailey

**Finance Member:** Dottie Row

**SPRC Head:** Robyn Rinck

**SPRC Member:** Frank Wetzel

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**Michele Hoch**

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**Wanda Heimbach,**

**Veronica Hornberger**

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**November BIRTHDAYS**

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**Christ UMC, Selinsgrove, PA Youth Group Update**

**Friday Night, November 5** leaving the Church at **5:45pm** for Carpool (arriving at Wesley Forest at **6:30pm**) to **Sunday Morning, November 7** arriving back at the Church at **11:45am** (leaving Wesley Forest at **11am**).

Full Price $85.  We are charging based on a tiered system: $85 or $50 depending on where you feel called *(see youth emails, financial aid is available if additional help is needed)*.

Please make your check payable to CUMC and put in the memo line Youth Retreat.

**Sunday, November 21** ~ Regular Youth Group from **6pm to 7:30pm**

In Christ's Service ~ CUMC Youth Leaders & Assistants

04 Karter Roman

05 Bette Fox

06 Pam Wildt

10 Virginia Stahr

10 Teresa O’Brien

11 Debra Boyer

13 Joseph Cooper

14 Lindsey Walborn

14 Trey Baney

14 Kelsey Young

15 Cara Trego

16 Alfred Boggs

16 Quinn Emery

17 Ray Dunlap

17 Dustin Emery

17 Jill Garabedian

19 Grace Dunigan

20 James Charles

20 Donna Frederick

21 Melissa Grayston

23 Ron Row

24 Misty Hollenbach

24 Andrew Oelberg

25 Dottie Row

26 Nick Knouse

27 Ella Rose Wenrich

27 Terry Troutman

28 Rayce Boyer

29 Lois Cook

29 Brian Holtzapple

**OUR MORTGAGE**

We borrowed $583,500 and are now paying it back. As of   
October 14, 2021, we owe $417,706.37. Our monthly payment is $4,765.62 and is funded by the “Imagine Christ” Fund.

29 Logan Wolfe

29 Eleanor Betz

30 Brian Heimbach

Find us on:



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Dear Donor,

Thank you for your generous gift to Snyder County Children and Youth Service’s Back to School Fair. Whether your donation was monetary or tangible it had a great impact. We were thrilled to have your support.

Through your donations to the Children’s Fund of Snyder County Coalition 4 Kids we were able to help more than 140 children feel more prepared for the upcoming school year. We are certain that your help in this effort goes a long way in making a big difference especially after the impact of last school year.

This year’s giving was phenomenal and we truly appreciate the kindness shown to those children we served.

We are currently packing up many of the remailing items to take to every public school in our district. This way, any children who are still in need can receive those supplies at school.

Thank again for making a huge difference!

Sincerely,

The Staff at Snyder County Children & Youth Services

08 Curtis & Danette Pope

10 Gary & Barbara Brandt

10 Matthew & Jessica Cooper

15 Chett & Julie Arnold

26 Ray & Robin Dunlap



ONLINE WORSHIP VIEWS

JULY & AUGUST WEEKLY AVERAGES

FACEBOOK - 88

YOU TUBE – 8

SERMON BY PHONE- 2

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Church Council will meet 6:30 pm the second Wednesday of every month except in July. Meeting dates: November 10th & December 8th.

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Vision:** Love Jesus, Love like Jesus, and Invite others to Love like Jesus

**OCTOBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Worship 9am 10:30am

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| 3 | 17 | 26 |
| 10 | 34 | 21 |
| 17 | 25 | 32 |
| 24 | 34 | 28 |
| 31 | N/A | N/A |
| Average | 28 | 27 |

**September Worship Attendance**

Worship 9am 10:30am

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| 5 | 23 | 24 |
| 12 | 23 | 37 |
| 19 | 20 | 37 |
| 26 | 19 | 18 |
| Average | 21 | 29 |

**August Attendance**

Worship 9am 10:30am

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| 1 | 29 | 29 |
| 8 | 21 | 29 |
| 15 | 39 | 36 |
| 22 | 18 | 28 |
| 29 | 29 | 25 |
| Average | 27 | 29 |



**AGAPELAND**

By Michele Hoch

‘Tis the Season to be thankful! Well I assure you, Agapeland Preschool is always thankful, but here are a few extra special reasons:

Thank you to everyone who supported Agapeland Preschool through our recent Fundraisers and Benefits: Heimbach’s Cruisin Thru the Corn, Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Day and My Little Bugs Consignment Sale. We are so grateful!

Special thanks to Dawn Miller and Mary Laudenslager for their extra helping hands for the Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends event.

We want to shout out a HUGE thank you to those who assisted with the First Day Cafés for our preschool families. What a wonderful welcome. Thank you to: Anna Mae Delcamp, Carolyn Gemberling, Dottie Row, Gus McKelvey, Jinny Harnum, Pastor Ryan, and Vicki Ewing. You are all such a blessing to Agapeland!

A huge thank you to the incredible women who ensure that Agapeland runs smoothly on a daily basis, who love the little ones unconditionally, and who continually share God’s love with His children. Thank you to Ms. Amy, Ms. Isabel, Ms. Veronica, and Ms. Wanda. You are each at the heart of God’s handiwork!

**EVANGELISM & HOSPITALTY**

By Jinny Harnum

A Prayer for Patience

God, teach me to be patient.

Teach me to go slow.

Teach me how to wait on You,

When my way I do not know.

Teach me sweet forbearance

When things do not go right

So I remain unruffled

When others grow uptight.

Teach me how to quiet

My racing, rising heart

So I might hear the answer

You are trying to impart

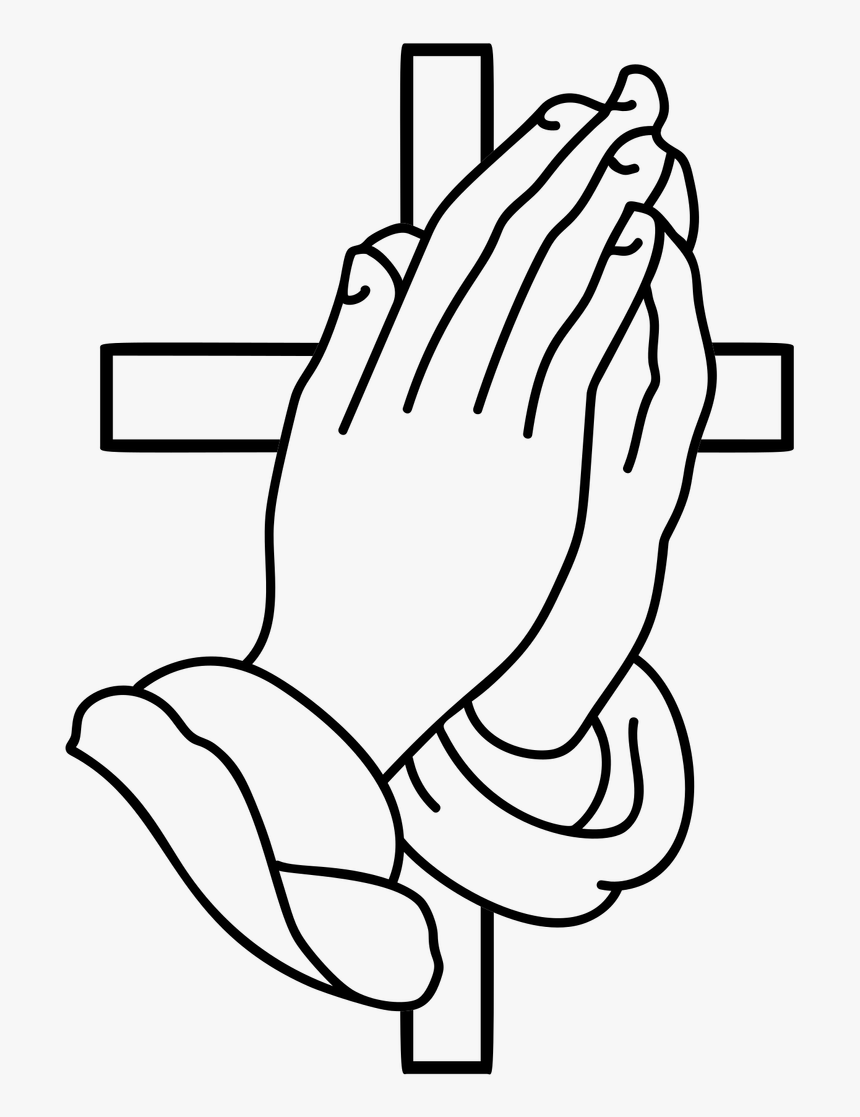
Teach me to let go, dear God,

And pray undisturbed until

My heart is filled with inner peace

And I learn to know your will.

By Alden Steiner Rice



**BIBLE TRIVIA**

Let’s play Bible Trivia!

**Answers on last page** of the Crusader!

Questions:

1. Name the shepherd boy from the Old Testament who became king.
2. What did God call the gathering together of the waters in the book of Genesis?
3. What did the angel roll away from Jesus’ tomb?

**Bible Trivia Answers: 1. David, 2. Seas, 3. A stone**

**November 7, 2021**



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**CARING MINISTRY**

The isolation and separation policies established due to Covid-19 have created a feeling of loneliness and a feeling of depression in many people. We as human beings have a need for fellowship and socialization even while trying to stay safe and healthy.

Reaching out by sending a card and/or making a phone call is a caring and loving act that may just make a difference in a person’s life.

We can all make a difference just by showing an act of kindness.

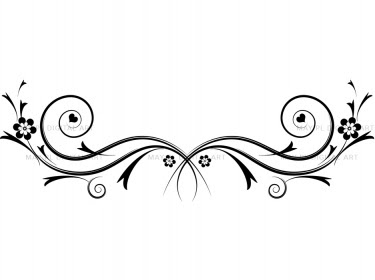
**Weekday Groups**

**Monday Morning Men** – Will meet on **Mondays** at **9am** in the **Sanctuary**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** – We meet **in person at 10am** in the Adult Sunday School Classroomand the Online Facebook Versionis **at 9am**

**Choir Practice Every Wednesday Night at 6:30pm**

**Third & Fourth Thursdays Communions at 11am** at Pennsfield Apartments *(3rd Thursdays)* and Market/High Street Apartments *(4th Thursdays)*



**Update on Trustees Late 2020 & 2021 Accomplishments**

* Stained Glass Window from 8th Street now in Lobby
* Lighting Improvements on the Stage
* Ga-Ga Pit Eagle Scout Project (Cole Orner) & Corn Hole Boards
* Water Softener Added to The Church
* Front Door Repairs
* Plumbing Repairs to sinks & bathrooms/toilets
* Additional Security Installation in the Lobby
* Fixing of Circuit Breakers in Kitchen/Dishwasher Fixing
* Fixing up of OWC/Pavilion Electric Water Heater

***In Loving Memory***

***of Kathy Showers***

*Please keep the family of Kathy Showers in prayer. Kathy lost her battle with Cancer on Friday, September 16th. She was a very active member of the church since 1990. She had a genuine dedication and love for God, her family, friends, and church family. She will be missed!*



Prayers for the

Brett Fisher family

for the loss of

his mother, Pauline

Dreibelbis on September 20.



**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in being a Liturgist on Sunday Morning please contact Jinny Harnum or the church office.



**September & October Facebook, YouTube & Sermon By Phone Average Attendance**

**September**

Facebook - 96

YouTube - 8

Sermon By Phone - 2

**October**

Facebook - 71

YouTube - 7

Sermon By Phone – 4

Sermon By Phone #

(570) 213-7375

**Charge Conference after church service on Sunday,**

**December 5, 2021.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Calling all 6th graders through 8th grade plus any high schoolers who have not had the opportunity to take the class. Classes will be once a month September to May from 4-5:30pm. Dates:

9/12, 10/10, 11/7, 12/5, 1/16, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/22, with Pentecost Sunday 6/5/2022 as the day they will join the church.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| **Agapeland**  M-W-F  8:30am-2:30pm  T-TH  9am-2:30pm | 1  9am Monday Morning Men-Breakfast | 2  9am Online  Bible Study  10am Tuesday Bible Study -AC | 3  9am Facebook  Live Prayer  6:30pm Choir | 4 | 5  Youth Retreat@ Wesley-------- | 6  7pm Online worship  Forest-----🡪 |
| **7 Daylight Savings Time ends**  Youth Retreat  7am Online worship  9am Worship  Sunday School  10:30am Worship Sanctuary | 8  **No Agapeland**  9am Monday Morning Men-MR | 9  9am Online  Bible Study  10am Tuesday Bible Study -AC | 10  9am Facebook  Live Prayer  6:30pm Choir  6:30pm Church  Council | 11 | 12  **Crusader Deadline** | 13  7pm Online worship |
| 14  7am Online worship  9am Worship  Sunday School  10:30am Worship Sanctuary | 15  9am Monday Morning Men-MR | 16  9am Online  Bible Study  10am Tuesday Bible Study | 17  9am Facebook  Live Prayer  6:30pm Choir | 18  **Crusader crew**  11am Pennsfield Apts.  Communion | 19 | 20  9am-3pm Church Conference  MR & OWC  7pm Online worship |
| 21  7am Online worship  9am Worship  Sunday School  10:30am Worship Sanctuary  6pm- Youth | 22  9am Monday Morning Men-MR | 23  9am Facebook Bible Study  10am Tuesday Bible Study -AC | 24  **No Agapeland**  9am Facebook  Live Prayer  6:30pm Choir | 25 **Thanksgiving**  **No Agapeland**  **Office Closed** | 26  **No Agapeland** | 27  7pm Online worship |
| 28  7am Online worship  9am Worship  Sunday School  10:30am Worship Sanctuary | 29  **No Agapeland**  No Monday Morning Men | 30  9am Facebook Bible Study  10am Tuesday Bible Study-AC | **Office Hours**  Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri ~ 8am - 3pm  Thurs ~ 8am to 5pm  **AC-**Adult Sunday School Class  **MR-** Multipurpose Room/Sanctuary  **OWC-** Outdoor Worship Center |  |  | **2021** |

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